Asbestos removal planned for summer

by Heather DeLauder

During summer quarter 1993, if all goes well, an approved asbestos removal project will be undertaken on the front campus. The project, which was discussed by the Student Body, involves the removal of asbestos from buildings on campus.

The project has been approved by the state Department of Labor and Industries, which oversees asbestos regulations.

The project will be carried out by a certified asbestos abatement company, and the work will be supervised by an asbestos abatement consultant.

The project is expected to be completed by the end of summer quarter.

If another site can't be found by 1999, a third runway is a go

by Heather DeLauder

The Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC), which voted to fund a third runway at SeaTac Airport in March 1995, has announced that it will not provide funding beyond 1996 for a third runway project.

The council's decision was based on a study that found that a third runway would not be economically viable.

The council has recommended that the project be continued with private funding.

HCSU election offers field of seven candidates

by Heather DeLauder

The HCSU President and Board officers were elected in a special meeting on Monday, May 17, 1993.

The meeting was held at the HCSU Administration Building, 1100 E. Campus Drive, and was attended by members of the Student Body.

The candidates for the position of President were:

- Jim Murphy (for President-
- Tim McCarthy (for Vice President of Administration)
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Role-playing games fight to win the battle for acceptance

Games take the heat from a critic

by Anne Meldrum
Features Editor

Reality is the unexplainable thing we are stuck in. We live and breathe it everyday. It's something that most people are required to deal with unless they happen to be role-playing game buffs.

Role-playing games are just an immature way of escaping the realities of today by being transplanted into a fantasy world of wizards, demons, dragons, and damsels in distress. The line between what is reality and what is fantasy is a precarious one where role-playing games are concerned.

There is no formal definition to describe the games, but they are usually oriented around a fantasy-type story and involve special dice and an inch-thick instruction manual. The players design characters and participate in fantasy adventures. There are even lead figurines and other paraphernalia for the fanatics who get consumed by these games.

The thin line gets crossed when role players don't have a firm grip on reality. Many players talk about their adventures as if they were their characters and had experienced the adventures themselves. This is a sure sign that they have way too much time on their hands. If they want to try a real adventure, try driving on the Autobahn without a seat belt.

It's a simple case of stereotyping

by Cory Magel

There are people in society who believe that most role-playing games (RPG's) are inherently evil, hold no value, and that role players are psychotic cultists who cannot separate fiction from reality. Games such as Dungeons and Dragons are slowly twisting their minds until they snap and kill themselves or others.

RPGs are entertaining games. No more, no less. Some role players are into Satanism, but there are also people who drive Chevrolet cars that are into Satanism. I don't think driving a Chevy somehow influences them to become devil worshipers.

It's not true that the demons and devils in some games cause satanic outbreaks.

There are devils and demons in the Bible, too. Did because David Korcel to go insane, kill others, and himself? No. He was nuts to begin with, as are Dungeons and Dragons players who do similar things.

Contrary to popular belief, there is no "typical" gamer. In my group alone, we have had males, females, blacks, whites, Asians, Mormons, Catholics, Presbyterians, Atheists, rockers, rappers, classical music fans, jocks, motorheads and almost every other different kind of person.

A stereotype that needs to be dispelled is that RPGs have absolutely no value. A topic that is rarely discussed is what RPGs exactly are and what benefits they provide.

In general, the typical RPG session consists of a few friends, and the consumption of pizza and soft drinks. We work with each other and against the game master to complete the game, our mission, and the puzzles we encounter.

We can play for hours on end if we really get into the game, rarely losing concentration. Game breaks usually consist of good-natured discussions ranging from who's going to win the Superbowl to moral and political topics.

Either way, there are always a wide variety of opinions expressed.

In a game, role players have to be
If Rush Limbaugh can’t take the heat, he should stay off the air

by Jillian Willingham
Editorials Editor

Sometimes, even if something is ignored, it will not go away. That’s why I decided I would have to address an issue of service.

Rush Limbaugh is a media personality who has a large following. However, his rhetoric can be quite controversial. I believe it’s important to discuss this issue directly.

Rush Limbaugh is known for his conservative views and his often derogatory comments towards certain groups. His comments have been the subject of much debate and criticism.

I am writing this editorial to express my concerns about the impact of Rush Limbaugh’s言论 on society. His comments can be divisive and harmful, particularly to marginalized groups.

Rush Limbaugh is a prominent figure in the media landscape and his influence cannot be ignored. As such, it is crucial that we address the issues raised by his comments. This editorial is an attempt to contribute to the ongoing conversation about the role of media personalities and the impact of their言论 on the public discourse.

I encourage all of us to engage in constructive dialogue and to hold our media personalities accountable for their言论. Let’s work together to create a more respectful and inclusive society.

The Editor’s Soapbox

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FEATURES

HCC students: what they really wear under there

by Heather DeLauder

Underwear has come a long way since Eve plucked the first fig leaf off the vine, shewed it to Adam, and said, "For God's sake, cover that thing up."

We can all be happy that this fig-leaf phase has gone the way of the dinosaur and the Chrysalis. Today, shoppers are faced with a variety of choices and must decide between style, color and brand.

What do students at HCC prefer? According to a survey taken at Highline Community College, briefs, the underwear that has been passed down from one generation to another, was the number-one choice, preferred by both men and women.

"I have never had a pair of boxers," said HCC student Rick Reynolds. "I prefer briefs. It's something I am most used to. Briefs are the most familiar because I am a swimmer. I am used to it."

According to a salesperson at both Nordstrom and Lammont, briefs are the number-one seller. A saleswoman at The Bon Marche said the ratio between briefs and boxers bought is about fifty-fifty, but teenage girls are the one's buying the greatest percentage of boxer shorts.

Out of the sixty surveys distributed throughout classes and the cafeteria, thirty-nine of the surveys were completed. Most students who took the survey preferred briefs. Twenty-three people voted for boxers because of their comfort, looks and flexibility.

Out of the twenty-three people, eight of them were men and fifteen were women. The ages ranged from 19 to 55. "I prefer briefs, because they feel more comfortable," said HCC Student-at-large, Ray Morris. HCC student Blusiee Hott said, "I like briefs. I think boxers are ugly."

The next most popular underwear worn, according to the survey, are boxers. Out of ten people who preferred boxers, four were men and six were women.

The women preferred boxers because of the looks, color, and texture. Men preferred boxers for the flexibility and the comfort. These ages ranged from 20 to 39.

According to the survey, the younger generation wears boxers more.

According to Latasha Robinson, a student at HCC, "I prefer boxers, because they are not so form fitting, and they look more comfortable."

Of the remaining surveys, most preferred other types of underwear, such as the infamous g-string, bikini briefs, or as natural. The reasons stated were mostly for flexibility and looks.

Women celebrate unique capabilities

by Krista Sohayda

On May 21, Women's Program is hosting the 11th annual Women's Celebration at Highline Community College from noon to 10 p.m. The celebration offers many kinds of workshops, ranging from subjects such as menstruation to the world problem of raped and tortured women in former Yugoslavia.

This celebration will feature well-known 90-year-old environmental activist Hazel Wolf, who is discussing great women she has met in her lifetime.

"Ladies Don't Drink" is a unique ensemble which combines African, Latin and Middle Eastern percussion with social and political experiences to introduce a new kind of music for the '90s and will be performing in the celebration.

"Local Access," a group of theater artists and educators whose mission is educate audiences on historical and contemporary issues, is performing "I Dream a World, the play." The play is about black women whose ancestors were brought to the U.S. beginning in 1619 and have lived through conditions so horrible that history books usually describe them only in the abstract.

For the last ten years, Women's Programs have sponsored this event and they hope that this year's event will enrich, educate and entertain the women who attend like the previous celebrations.

Cindy Avaiusini, office manager for Women's Programs, said the celebration was designed "to encourage women to focus on their capabilities and talents that each one of them have." Avaiusini went on to say that "this is the one of the big events we do. This is our favorite one."

Women's Program is open to all students interested in transferring to SPU. For more information, call 281-3981 ext. 105.

Plan to attend SPU's Transfer Information Night on May 18...

Students interested in transferring to SPU are invited to attend a special information night Tuesday, May 18, 6:30 p.m. in Demaray Hall 215 on campus (60 W. W. Berman St.). Most representation from admissions, advising, financial aid, career development and student life. Plus, faculty members will be on hand to answer specific program questions.

For more information, or to obtain an application or admissions/financial aid appointment, just give us a call. We want to make your transition an easy one.

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Seattle Pacific University is currently accepting transfer applications for fall, winter and spring quarters, 1994-95. Apply now and take advantage of SPU.

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Student Outcomes Assessment

What is the best thing about your college education right now? What could HCC do to make it even better? What could you do to make it even better?

Student self-assessment questions are meant to be "food for thought," but we would love to have your written answers to these and future questions in the Self-Assessment Box in the cafeteria Bldg. 8.

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Suddenly and without warning, Chester snapped and started the biggest darned soda-fight the company had ever seen.

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What's Happening

A calendar of community and campus events for May 17 through 31.

Andanza, a Boston-based Latin American folk ensemble performs "Songs of Latin America." They play traditional and contemporary music from Latin America.
Date: May 27
Time: 12 p.m.
Place: Outside HCC Library Plaza; in case of rain, in Bldg. 7.

Caricatures by Tom Hofstedt
Get a free caricature done by Tom Hofstedt.
Date: May 27
Time: 10:30 a.m.
Place: Outside HCC Library Plaza; in case of rain, in Bldg. 8.

Women's Celebration
Come and enjoy workshops, a play, a guest speaker, and a dinner.
Date: May 21
Time: 12 p.m.
Place: Bldg. 7 for keynote speaker and play; Bldg. 8 (Cafeteria) for dinner. Other locations to be announced.
Cost: $20 public fee and $10 student and low-income fee.
For locations and more information, contact Julie Burt at ext. 340.

Seattle Symphony
The Seattle Symphony will perform symphonic works from the great Russian composers such as Prokofiev, Tchaikovsky, Stravinsky, and Glazunov.
Date: May 22
Time: 2 p.m.
Place: McCurdy Pavilion
Cost: $15 at the door or $13 in advance.
For more information, call Centrum at 1-800-733-3688.

Care to Dance
Seattle's annual AIDS dance-a-thon benefits Chicken Soup Brigade and is hosted by John Keister.
Date: May 22
Time: 6 p.m.
Place: Seattle Center Exhibition Hall
For more information, call 1-206-322-CARE.

Salmon Bake
Multicultural Services hosts its annual Salmon Bake.
Date: May 26
Time: 11:30 a.m. (until the fish runs out)
Place: Under the walkway near Bldg. 15
Contact Multicultural Services at ext. 269.

Habitat for Humanity
provides homes for needy

by Davina Nolten
Copy Editor

Habitat for Humanity International is a non-denominational Christian group made up of volunteers around the world who work to provide housing for low-income families.

Founded in 1986, the organization provides homes to qualifying families on the basis of need, not on the grounds of color, religion, or ethnic background.

Homes are built with the cooperation between Habitat and the person who will own the home. After the house is built, it is sold to the family on a no-profit, no-interest mortgage. All mortgage payments go back into Habitat to buy more homes.

Families are selected on the basis of need, ability to make payments, and good character. A family may include aunt, uncles, grandparents, etc., in addition to one or two-parent households.

An additional requirement for a prospective family is that they must be able to work 500 hours of "sweat equity" or volunteer labor for other Habitat projects.

According to Anne-Marie Takacs, a spokesperson for Habitat from Humanities, there are a wide variety of volunteer opportunities available for college students this summer. The first step in becoming a Habitat for Humanity volunteer is to attend a potluck at St. Patrick's Church in Seattle. Opportunities exist in each of the eight committees: fund raising, public relations, finance, site selection, family selection, family nurturing, volunteer, and construction. Volunteers are required to participate in one meeting per month. "It all depends on what your role is on the committee," Takacs says.

Families highly recommend volunteering with Habitat for Humanity. "I wouldn't be doing it if I didn't believe in it. It's your leisure time you're giving up," Takacs says. She also said that few people who have applied for housing through Habitat have been turned away and that many families make tremendous improvements in their lives.

Styles state more than just personality

by Jennifer Kelly

All around the Highline Community College campus, fashion styles bring a splash of creativity. From head to toe, students dress in diverse styles.

Many students wear clothes they see advertised throughout newspapers, magazines and television commercials with brand labels such as Cross Colors, Levi Strauss, or Guess. However, some students are not influenced by the fashion labels they see. Instead they dress differently from the "in crowd."

Ahmad (last name withheld), a 23-year-old HCC student, is motivated by his religion to dress a certain way.

Strongly believing in his religion, which is Islam, Ahmad's attire consists of African jewelry and a "garb," a white robe that he wears practically everyday.

Jackie Frazier, Ahmad's sister-in-law, said, "If Ahmad is not wearing his 'robe of righteousness,' he is to carry it all times—in his arm, hand, or in a bag, according to Islam's literature, the Qur'an."

Ahmad's hairstyle is also dependent upon his religion. His hair is in short dreadlocks, which are twisted pieces of hair that are sectioned off.

"Muslims are not supposed to cut or shave their hair. Instead, they are to let it grow out," Frazier said.

Although many people stare at Ahmad's hair and style of clothes, "He is a serious, confident, person and doesn't care when people stare," Frazier said.

On the other hand, Eimi (last name withheld), another HCC student, dresses in old-fashioned clothes and antique jewelry.

Her "New Wave" style includes clothing and accessories, worn in the 1930s through the early 1980s.

In the ninth grade, Eimi decided to conform to "New Wave."

"I was sick of dressing the same as everyone else," she said. At this particular time in her life, Eimi searched for a new look.

"I didn't have a lot of friends to begin with so I started hanging around anti-social people," she said.

Eimi compares dressing to stamp collecting. "As a stamp collector, you gather various stamps, and since I like buying old-fashioned clothing and jewelry, I might as well wear it," Eimi said.

Occasionally, Eimi shops at department stores, such as The Bon Marche, Mervyn's, or Nordstrom, but she usually purchases her items at thrift stores and antique shops.

As a result of her "New Wave" style and her love for antique clothing, Eimi plans to major in Fashion Merchandising and wants to "control what the world wears," she said.

Bethany Jue, a HCC student who is partially influenced by the media when shopping for clothes, said, "It is up to the individual to dress a certain way. Each person has a different way of expressing himself."
Students key to club formation

by James Lawson

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Water polo at HCC? Unique idea now a reality

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Highline track’s Peter Votava has come a long way, literally

by Ken Vanderpoel

The track athlete is unlike any other athlete. They compete not against each other, but against themselves. A thousand of the second may greatly influence their dreams, or cripple their hopes. Peter Votava, Highline Community College exchange student and track athlete, competes under these circumstances.

Votava said he wants to attend a four-year college. According to Jodi Page and Jeff Berry, fellow track teammates, Votava has been his motivation throughout the year for doing the best he can. Votava said, “If I don’t receive a scholarship, I’ll go back and attend college there.”

Leaving his mother, father, and brother, Votava left his homeland of the Czech Republic in the HCC student exchange program last September. At first, Votava expected to attend HCC for one school year and then return.

Votava has spent two years at Pilsen University studying computer science as a major and business as a minor. Votava said, “I usually went 12 to 14 hours a day studying.”

Votava has carried his computer training to HCC, where he works part time in the computer lab. “It’s a nice boy,” said Brenda Osborn, teaching aide at the computer lab.

Votava also spent time at Brunel University in England before coming to America. In England, Steve Beckley, a javelin instructor who teaches world-record techniques, taught Votava how to throw the javelin, which he now specializes in.

Teammates Berry and Page both said that the team performs rigorous workouts October through January in preparation for events months away. This type of training is a bit different from what Votava previously encountered. Votava told Berry that in the Czech Republic, they would “go up, train, and then go to the pub.”

These training regimens also go hand-in-hand with the culture differences which pop up from time-to-time with Votava. Berry, who rooms with Votava during the school track meets, recalls when Votava came to him and asked him about some guy who said, “I worked my ass off.” Votava, who was not culturally adept, didn’t quite know what that meant.

Although there may be cultural boundaries for Votava, he has found that food has no boundaries. “I like food,” Votava said. Even his teammates Berry and Page said, “The guy can eat!”

Votava and the HCC track team will be competing on May 27 and 28 at the NCAA Championships held in Spokane.

Editor’s notes: M’s and Sonics in good shape

by Matt McGinnis

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Without knowing the results of the two playoff games over the weekend, I predict that the Sonics will come out of Houston with at least one victory. Make your reservations now — Sonics versus Suns in the Western Conference finals.

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Asbestos removal could come with price tag of $470,000

planned renovations to air conditioning and ventilation systems and poor condition of certain ACM in Bilg 9, administration at HCC have found that removal is necessary choice. "It looks like it's being removed." Laura Sansone, vice-president of administration at HCC, said. "Basically, we're removing it because its hazardous. Our asbestos has become friable, because it's breaking up, and that's because the asbestos is fibrous." According to the EPA's booklet "Managing Asbestos in Fleet," friable asbestos is "Any material that contains greater than one percent asbestos, and which can be crumbled, pulverized, or reduced to powder by hand pressure." This definition covers the microscopic asbestos fibers to be released into the air, and they can then be inhaled. Health risks linked by the EPA's booklet include "cancerous tumors in fiber-forming tissues, including and mesothelioma, and of the lining of the chest and abdominal cavity." The most common source of ACM in HCC buildings is in the approximatly 13,000 square feet of asbestos ceiling tiles found in most educational buildings. This ceiling material is composed of 10-25 percent asbestos. "The EPA is right about maintaining asbestos-free environment in the building, especially in a health education or medical environment, because asbestos is removed from air conditioning systems and ventilation systems. If it can be crumbled and if you're not going to get into and make it into an asbestos, "Sansone said. Continued work on and improvements to the building is necessary, she said. Asbestos is a material used to make certain finishes that occur naturally in rock formations. Because asbestos is reasonably inexpensive to remove and can be used in many different ways, it has been used for many years and is now spread throughout the building. A report of HCC buildings in 1992 by Architectural Engineering, a consulting firm specializing in asbestos material, estimated the cost for removal of all ACM in HCC buildings at $130,000. Sansone said that the removal of asbestos from the building would be $130,075. Photo by Gary Landis